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19.   (NEW) The method of Claim 13 further comprising initiating at least one command on the monitoring device to correct the error condition on the field asset in response to selection of the command from an Internet-enabled remote device.

20.   (NEW) The method of Claim 13 further comprising the field asset having hardware operable to perform ice-bagging and vending operations.

REMARKS

Applicants request the Examiner to enter the above amendments prior to examination of this application. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments are supported by the specification and add no new matter. Early and favorable acceptance of this non-provisional application is respectfully requested.
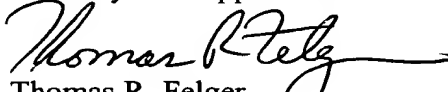
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendments. The attached pages are captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."**

Although Applicants believe that there are no additional fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2599.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

On Page 24, please delete the entire Abstract and replace with the following rewritten Abstract:

--An apparatus and system are disclosed for the real-time monitoring and control of field assets. The monitoring device, operable to couple to a field asset, may be designed to leverage one or more technologies included in the field asset or as a stand-alone unit and is preferably operable to detect one or more error conditions thereon. The error conditions may be detected either as they occur or during testing intervals. Once an error condition is detected, the monitoring device may initiate one or more corrective sequences to resolve the error condition or, alternatively, the monitoring device may notify a network operations center via a wireless network. Accessing a network operations center from an Internet-enabled remote device, a user may view status information for one or more field assets, issue commands to correct error conditions as well as perform other functions.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 9-20.